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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. The information on the consideration of agenda item 85 by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/58/474.

2. The Fourth Committee considered this item at its 8th to 11th meetings, from 15 to 17 and on 20 October 2003 (see A/58/474), and resumed its consideration of the item at its 26th meeting, on 23 June 2004 (see A/C.4/58/SR.26).

3. For its resumed consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/58/19);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/58/694).

4. At the 26th meeting, on 23 June 2004, the representative of Canada introduced the report of that Committee (A/58/19).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.23

5. At the 26th meeting, on 23 June 2004, the representative of Canada, on behalf of Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" (A/C.4/58/L.23).

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6. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the programme budget implications concerning the draft resolution (see A/C.4/58/SR.26).

7. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.23 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

8. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling in its resolution 2006 (XIX) of 18 February 1965 and all other relevant resolutions,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 57/336 of 18 June 2003 and 57/129 of 11 December 2002,

Affirming that the efforts of the United Nations in the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through its peacekeeping operations, are indispensable,

Convinced of the need for the United Nations to continue to improve its capabilities in the field of peacekeeping and to enhance the effective and efficient deployment of its peacekeeping operations,

Considering the contribution that all Member States of the Organization make to peacekeeping,

Noting the widespread interest in contributing to the work of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations expressed by Member States, in particular troop-contributing countries,

Bearing in mind the continuous necessity of preserving the efficiency and strengthening the effectiveness of the work of the Special Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations;[1]

2. *Endorses* the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in paragraphs 29 to 177 of its report;

3. *Urges* Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the United Nations to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee;

4. *Reiterates* that those Member States that become personnel contributors to the United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee;

5. *Decides* that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of

[1] A/58/19.

its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in this field;

6. *Requests* the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects".